



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making: WAC16-302-385 Grass seed standards for certification

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 15.49.310, RCW 15.49.370(3); and Chapter 34.05 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: This proposal is in response to industry request to modify the certification standards for Fescue seed to require additional testing that can detect the presence of other contaminating species within a seed lot. These contaminants cannot be distinguished visually. This will not only bring Washington grass certification standards in alignment with other states, it will increase the quality of certified seed produced in this state.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) WSDA staff will develop the specific rule proposal. In turn, seed industry representatives and the advisory committee will review and comment on the proposed rule amendments. Interested parties can participate in the public hearing/public comment process, the dates of which will be announced when the department files the rule proposal with the Code Reviser.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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